

Articulation of Reasons for Out-of-Guidelines Sentence¹

Judge: _____

Circuit #: _____

Defendant: _____

Docket #: _____

The following aspects of this case led me to impose a sentence outside the recommended range:

The following explains why the *particular* sentence imposed is more proportionate² to the offense and the offender than a sentence within the guidelines range:

Sentencing Judge: _____

Date: _____

¹This is a sample form; it is not mandatory. The sentencing guidelines range is advisory only; however, courts are required to consult and take into account the applicable guidelines range, and sentences must be justified in order to facilitate appellate review. *People v Lockridge*, 498 Mich 358, 392 (2015). See the Michigan Judicial Institute’s [Criminal Proceedings Benchbook, Vol. 2](#), Chapter 5, for more information.

² See *People v Laidlaw*, 489 Mich 901 (2011); *People v Smith*, 482 Mich 292, 303-311 (2008).

